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Please replace the following paragraphs with the amended paragraphs as noted:

As is also known from EP 0 528 233 B1, the counter-sleeve 3 covers the terminal insert 22 (as shown in Figure 3, where a portion of the threaded sleeve 2 and counter sleeve 3 have been broken away and shown in cross-section) with a ring-like contact surface at least on an end of the terminal insert 22, but can also exert pressure in the position of use on other regions, especially on the radial outer surfaces of such a terminal insert 22. In a known way, with such a ring-like contact surface during tightening of the thread between the threaded sleeve 2 and counter sleeve 3, based on a tapering shape, e.g., by means of rounding or a cone, a region provided with axial slots for the terminal insert is deformed and pressed radially against the elongated body 4. In this way, the elongated body 4 can be clamped and connected to the threaded sleeve 2.